

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for managing access to digital images stored on a user computer, comprising:

a server for allowing controlled access to a ~~user image storage device having at least one~~ digital image file of an image stored on a user computer, said server having a communication system capable of communicating with a plurality of user computers, at least one of said user computers having ~~said~~ at least one digital image file, said server having pre-authorization for automatic access ~~a software program for controlling access~~ to said at least one digital image file on said user computer ~~[[,]] and said software program~~ for permitting ~~automatic~~ access to said at least one digital image file at said server ~~on said user computer~~ by a third party ~~and monitoring access by said~~, said server monitoring access to said digital image file by said third party whenever access by said third party to said digital image file is done without any further authorization by said user computer.

2. (currently amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein said at least one digital image file includes an electronic address for identifying that said at least one digital image came from said user computer.

3. (currently amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein said third party pays an access fee for use and/or down loading of said image ~~from~~ of said user image file from said server.

4. (currently amended) A system according to claim 3 wherein said service provider assigns a first predetermined credit to the account of the user of said user computer ~~downloaded image~~, a debit to the account of the third party that downloaded ~~downloading~~ the digital image file from said server, and a second predetermined credit to the service provider.

5. (currently amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein a report is provided to said user of said user computer regarding access to said digital media file.

6. (currently amended) A computer software product for managing digital images stored on a user computer, said software product comprising a computer readable storage medium having a computer program which when loaded into said user computer causes the computer to perform the following steps of:

allowing controlled access to a digital image file of an image stored on a user computer, said server having a communication system capable of communicating with a plurality of user computers, at least one of said user computers having at least one digital image file, said server having pre-authorization automatic access to said at least one digital image file on said user computer and for permitting access to said at least one digital image file at said server by a third party, said server monitoring access to said digital image file by said third party whenever access by said third party to said digital image file is done without any further authorization by said user computer by a service provider to said digital image files stored on said user computer, said provider having a communication system capable of communicating with a plurality of different devices, said software program using an electronic data file for permitting automatic access to said at least one digital image file by a third party and monitoring access by said third party without any further authorization by said user.

7. (currently amended) A method for monitoring access to digital image files on a user computer by third parties over a communication network by service provider, comprising the steps of:

allowing controlled access by a server ~~third parties~~ to said digital image files on said user computer;

monitoring access by said third parties to said digital image files at said server;

reporting said access by said third parties to said user.

8. (original) The method according to claim 7 wherein said third party pays an access fee for use and/or down loading of said digital image file from said user.

9. (original) A system according to claim 8 wherein said service provider assigns a first predetermined credit to the account of the user of said downloaded image, a debit to the account of the third downloading the image, and a second predetermined credit to the service provider.

10. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein a report is provided to said user regarding access to said digital media file.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)